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Title: DATA READ/WRITE CONTROLLING METHOD, DISK ARRAY APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING DATA READ/WRITE CONTROLLING PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claim 7 the following rewritten version of the same claim , as amended. The change is shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

7. (Amended) The disk array apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein a total number of said divided data items and said parity data items is set equal to a number of said cache modules.

Please add the following new claims.

10. (New) The disk array apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein a total number of said divided data items and said parity data items is set equal to a number of said cache modules.

11. (New) The disk array apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a total number of said divided data items and said parity data items is set equal to a number of said cache modules.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendment to Claim 7 and new Claims 10 and 11 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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7. (Amended) The disk array apparatus according to Claim 4, [5, or 6,]
wherein a total number of said divided data items and said parity data items is set equal
to a number of said cache modules.